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### RFE Lauds Tito Commies Over Russian Brand

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WASHINGTON, March 1.—The heads of Radio Free Europe are unhappy because I have said that the propaganda pattern of their broadcasting is a glorification of Titoism as a "first necessary step" in the evolution to full freedom.

I have photostats of a series of Free Europe broadcasts by one Walter Kolarz, who seems to be a sort of ideological analyst for the cause. These have to do with Yugoslavia and its purported evolution from Russian communism to a new semi-Utopia of freedom and plenty.

**KOLARZ' TECHNIQUE** is to extract torturous jackstraws of change out of the Yugoslav haystack, and triumphantly point to them as pillars in the great new edifice of communism—that is not communism.

Mr. Kolarz, for example, deals with the police system and says that "the Soviet police reorganization is a farce, even if the supreme police chiefs, the Berias, Merkulovs and Dekanozovs were purged." Others, he said, have taken their places. This I am sure is true.

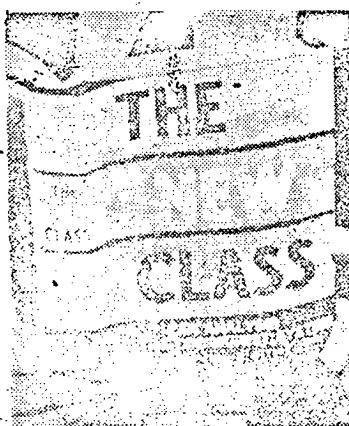
But then comes his appraisal of the present millenium in Yugoslavia:

"The new restricted scope of the Yugoslav security organs may be gauged from the fact that they are not allowed to keep a person in prison for more than three days and that they must interrogate him within 24 hours.

"If they act in an illegal, arbitrary way, they are threatened with heavy punishment."

The word "threatened" seems to me to leave something to be desired. More important, however, are specific cases.

Milovan Djilas, Tito's former



number-two man, would hardly corroborate these generousities of the new security system, from his cell in prison where he languishes for daring to write his book, "The New Class." Neither would Cardinal Stepinac or other imprisoned clerics.

Mr. Kolarz is enthusiastic also about the metamorphosis of the hard-core Communist Party in Yugoslavia into the "Socialist Alliance of the Working People."

"For instance," he says, "the newspaper Borba is no longer the official mouthpiece of the Communist Party, but the organ of the Socialist Alliance."

Then, he volunteers that "The Alliance is directed by a presidium of 24 people, all but four of whom are members of the Communist Central Committee."

**HE NEXT MOVES** into the upbuilding of collective farming in Yugoslavia, the fact that it flopped, and that a general disintegration of the farm collectivist program was tolerated when peasants insisted upon returning to their own farms.

He makes much of Tito's admissions that "we started off badly . . . it was shown that it was impossible to change the owners to collectivists in one or two years."

All this while, the Russians had admitted their own failures of Soviet collectivism and heads were falling in every direction.

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